

REMARKS

The Office Actions of January 25, 2008 and May 15, 2008 were received and carefully reviewed. Applicants hereby elect Species 3, involving an insulating film formed of aluminum nitride and oxygen on the front side. Applicants believe that claims 60 and 61 (and their dependent claims 62-63) are readable on Species 3 instead of Species 9. Please note that claims 60-63 recite “aluminum nitride.” Further, Applicants believe that claims 68 and 77 (and their dependent claims 69-70 and 78-79) which are readable on Species 5 are also generic to Species 1 and 3. In addition, Applicants contend that claims 8 and 24 (and their dependent claims 17, 30, 47 and 53) are readable on Species 3.

In view of the above elections and remarks, examination on the merits of pending claims 8, 17, 24, 30, 47, 53, 60-63, 68-70 and 77-79 is believed to be in order and consideration and allowance of the instant application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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